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Commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion to liberate Cuba from Communist tyranny.

Whereas April 17, 1986, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first day of the Bay of Pigs attempted liberation of Cuba by the heroic 2506 Brigade, a battle which entailed three days of fighting at a narrow strand of mangrove, bunch grass, coral head, and sand lying thirty miles from the towns of Giron and Playa Larga and bounded by the Bay of Pigs and the Cienaga de Zapata swamp;

Whereas on April 17, 1961, the fourteen hundred gallant and intrepid men who made up the brave 2506 Brigade were ill-equipped but possessing immeasurable spirit, courage, and determination, sought in the tradition of the great liberators Jose Marti and Simon Bolivar to liberate from Communist tyranny the beautiful isle of Cuba and reestablish freedom and democracy for the people of Cuba, that great island lying so close to the United States; Whereas the patriotic, noble, and sacrificial effort of the 2506 Brigade to liberate Cuba as in the same patriotic spirit that prompted other courageous and intrepid men to liberate the American colonies from a foreign monarch and establish freedom and democracy in America; and

Whereas the people of the United States proudly commend those courageous warriors who fight for the cause of freedom and justice anywhere in the world and the Congress wishes to express the commendation of the American people to the gallant warriors of the 2506 Brigade who made such an historic effort to establish freedom and democracy in Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 17, 1986, be commemorated as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion to liberate Cuba from Communist tyranny.

Approved April 24, 1986.

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